



El Paso County Sheriff's Office El Paso County Fire Marshal's Office



Open Burning Rules

Burning with no fire restrictions in place:

Open burning during these times may only take place with an open burning permit issued by the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment – Air Quality. Violations of the provision may result in a civil fine.

Burning during Stage I Fire Restrictions:

The following activities are prohibited during Stage I Restrictions:

- Open burning defined as campfires and warming fires (except in permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds), charcoal grills and outdoor wood burning stoves (except at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials), the use of explosives, outdoor welding or use of acetylene or other torch with open flame other than in an area cleared of all flammable materials. Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves are permitted.
- The use of sale of fireworks of all kinds.
- Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violations of Stage I Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$600.00.

Burning during Stage II Fire Restrictions:

The following activities are prohibited during Stage II Restrictions:

- Open burning defined as campfires and warming fires, charcoal grills and outdoor wood burning stoves, the use of explosives, outdoor welding or use of acetylene or other torch with open flame other than in an area cleared of all flammable materials. Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves are permitted.
- The use of sale of fireworks of all kinds.
- Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

Violations of Stage II Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$1000.00.

If you have any questions, you may contact the El Paso County Fire Marshal's Office at 575-8590 or the Fire Investigations Unit at 575-8403.